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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeffrey D. Jordan et al.
Application No.: 10/056,845
Filed: January 22, 2002
For: Methodology For The Effective Stabilization Of Tin-Oxide-Based Oxidation/Reduction Catalysts

Examiner: Cam N. Nguyen
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, the Applicants acknowledge the restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Examiner stated:

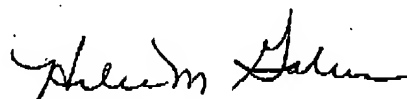
"Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to an improved, low-temperature oxidation-reduction catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 325+.
- II. Claims 12-16, drawn to a process for the oxidation of carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds and the reduction of nitrogen oxide using a catalyst, classified in class 423, subclass 210+."

In response, Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement, on the grounds that the two listed inventions, while patentably distinct, nevertheless are so closely related to one another that examining all of the claims in a single application would not be a serious burden upon the Examiner. To the contrary, it is respectfully contended that it would be more efficient and expeditious to examine the inventions together in one application, rather than two.

However, should the Examiner uphold this restriction requirement then the Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-11 for examination. Additionally, should the restriction requirement be upheld it is understood that Claims 12-16 will be withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention, and will be subject to reinstatement in the event the requirement for restriction is withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on any claims withdrawn from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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